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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN REPLIES TO SOVIET ATTACK

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1. DURING FEBRUARY 6 U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) DEBATE ON
COMOROS, SOVIET PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MALIK INCLUDED
FOLLOWING ATTACK IN HIS STATEMENT:

QUOTE

MR. PRESIDENT, IN THIS REGARD IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DRAW
YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING ABNORMAL PHENOMENON
OF RECENT DAYS. RECENTLY CERTAIN HIGHLY PLACED PERSONS, INCLUDING
ONE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ONE
SECRETARY OF STATE, THAT IS, A FOREIGN MINISTER, HAVE BEEN
ATTEMPTING TO DISTORT THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION IN
MATTERS OF DECOLONIZATION. IN DISREGARD OF THE ACTUAL STATE
OF AFFAIRS AND UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED FACTS, THEY HAVE BEEN
ATTEMPTING TO ASCRIBE TO THE SOVIET UNION AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS
AND HAVE BEEN MAKING A LOT OF NOISE ABOUT SO-CALLED SOVIET EXPANSION
AND HAVE EVEN SHAMELESSLY BEEN MAKING SLANDEROUS CHARGES

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AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION TO THE EFFECT THAT IT INTENDS TO

COLONIZE AFRICA.

NOW WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT THIS KIND OF DISTORTION OF THE PEACE-
LOVING FOREIGN POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION? TAKE CARE, GENTLEMEN,
THAT YOU DO NOT PLACE YOURSELF IN A RIDICULOUS POSITION
BY YOUR ANTI-SOVIET FABRICATIONS. ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO
OBJECTIVELY AND JUSTLY ASSIST BOTH THE GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY OF
THE SOVIET UNION-- A POLICY OF PEACE BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES--AND THE POLICY OF THE USSR WITH
REGARD TO DECOLONIZATION ARE LAUGHING ABOUT YOU AND YOUR
FABRICATIONS. UNQUOTE

2. AFTER UK ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY HAD
REPLIED TO MALIK'S ATTACK ON UK AND MALIK HAD INTERVENED
TO REPLY TO MURRAY, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, SPEAKING AS U.S.
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOT AS PRESIDENT OF UNSC, RESPONDED AS
FOLLOWS TO MALIK:

QUOTE AT THIS POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO
EXERCISE MY RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DIS-
TINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION. I ASSURE
THE SPEAKERS REMAINING ON THE LIST THAT THEY SHALL NOT BE
KEPT LONG WAITING AND I SPEAK NOT LEAST IN VIEW OF THE
REPEATED INTERVENTIONS BY THE DISTINGUISHED SOVIET
AMBASSADOR ON THIS MATTER. I AM SPEAKING, OF COURSE, AS
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES.
GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR MALIK'S LANGUAGE
JUST AN HOUR AGO IN THIS COUNCIL TOOK US BACK TO THE GRIMMEST DAYS
OF THE COLD WAR--

(INTERRUPTED ON A POINT OF ORDER BY THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE:

"IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN, SIR, THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS
DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF THE SITUATION IN THE COMOROS AND
YOUR MIGHT START AT LEAST FROM THAT, SIR.")
I THANK THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET
UNION. I WILL SAY IN THE MOST SOLEMN TERMS, SIR, THAT WE HAVE
GONE UNDER YOUR DIRECTION, AND AT YOUR INITIATIVE, FROM
DISCUSSING THE COMOROS ARCHIPELAGO TO EVOKING THE GULAG ARCHIPELAGO.

WE HAVE GONE BACK TO THE LANGUAGE OF INTIMIDATION, THE LANGUAGE
OF THREAT.

IT IS SAID THAT THIS REPRESENTATIVE AND HIS SECRETARY OF
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STATE HAVE "SHAMELESSLY BEEN MAKING SLANDEROUS CHARGES AGAINST
THE SOVIET UNION TO THE EFFECT THAT IT INTENDS TO COLONIZE
AFRICA.". "TAKE CARE", WE ARE TOLD, BEWARE YOUR "ANTI-
SOVIET FABRICATIONS". NOW, GENTLEMEN, THE DISTINGUISHED
AMBASSADOR MAY SPEAK AS ANY OF YOU MAY SPEAK, AS HE WILL,
OF THIS AMBASSADOR. DO NOT, HOWEVER, PRESUME TO SPEAK OF MY
SECRETARY OF STATE IN SUCH TERMS. DO NOT ADDRESS THE SECRETARY
OF STATE IN THE LANGUAGE OF A PURGE TRIAL. WE ARE NOT

INTIMIDATED; WE ARE NOT AFRAID. WE WILL NOT "TAKE CARE", WE DO NOT GIVE A DAMN.

WE ARE HERE TO DISCUSS THE COMOROS, AND WE HAVE SOUGHT TO DO SO IN THE LANGUAGE OF LAW, THE LANGUAGE OF CIVILITY AND IN A SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS. WE FIND OURSELVES CAUGHT BETWEEN THE CLEAR EXPECTATIONS AND RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE COMOROS AND THE CLEAR EFFORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE TO ACCOMMODATE TO THOSE DESIRES AND RIGHTS. AMBASSADOR VINCI HAS SPOKEN OF THE GOOD WILL AND EARNEST PURPOSE OF FRANCE, I MIGHT ONLY SAY THE TRANSPARENT GOOD WILL AND EARNEST PURPOSE OF FRANCE. AMBASSADOR ABDULLAH, AS SEVERAL OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE POINTED OUT, SPOKE TO THE COUNCIL IN THE MOST LEARNED AND PERSUASIVE, UNDERSTANDING TERMS. SUDDENLY IN THIS ATMOSPHERE COMES THE LANGUAGE OF THE PURGE TRIAL, OF THREAT, OF FEAR. BUT SPOKEN TO MEN WHO ARE NOT THAT EASILY THREATENED. NOT ONLY DO WE GO BACK TO THE GRIMMEST DAYS OF THE COLD WAR, WE FIND OURSELVES TAKING UP AN ISSUE THAT BRINGS US BACK TO THE GRIMMEST DAYS OF COLONIALISM. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT IN AFRICA THE LAST BITS OF DECOLONIZATION ARE BEFORE US; ONLY ONE SMALL AREA REMAINS. BUT SUDDENLY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A CENTURY, A EUROPEAN ARMY HAS REAPPEARED IN AFRICA. AS THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SAID, "AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THE FACTS ARE CLEAR. CUBAN SOLDIERS, EXTREMELY WELL ARMED WITH SOVIET WEAPONS, ARE KILLING AFRICANS IN AFRICA, HAVING CROSSED THE ATLANTIC OCEAN FOR THAT PURPOSE."

THE BLUE EYES ARE BACK WITH THEIR EUROPEAN ARMS AND THEIR MURDEROUS INTENTIONS. IF AFRICA IS NOT BEING RECOLONIZED, WHAT IS THAT FOREIGN ARMY DOING THERE? NOW, GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL, WE HAVE PERHAPS TOO ARTFULLY AVOIDED TAKING UP THIS ISSUE. MY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RAISED IT. THE FIRST GOVERNMENT TO HAVE DONE SO IS THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH RESPECT TO THE PURPORTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTENTIONS OF OTHER NATIONS. HE SPOKE OF THEIR DESIRE TO BE "PLUNDERING" THE RESOURCES OF ANGOLA, A FAR AWAY PLACE OF WHICH I SURELY KNOW LITTLE. WELL THAT WORD PLUNDERING EVOKED A MEMORY OT TWO WEEKS AGO. THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA, GENTELMEN, OF ZAMBIA, SPOKE OF THE "PLUNDERING TIGER WITH ITS DEADLY CUBS." NOW, WHO DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT KAUNDA THOUGHT TO BE THAT TIGER AND WHICH THE CUBS? THERE IS NOT A PERSON IN THIS ROOM WHO DOES NOT KNOW. IT IS NOT IN THE END THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO RAISE THE ISSUE IF NO ONE ELSE WILL. BUT YOU ALL KNOW, EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL KNOWS WHO PRESIDENT KAUNDA MEANS WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE PLUNDERING TIGER AND THE DEADLY CUBS. IF IT IS NOT THE WISH OF THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS IT, SO BE IT. IT HAS NOT BEEN A UNITED STATES INITIATIVE THAT HAS DONE THIS.

BUT HAVE A CARE, GENTLEMEN, WITH RESPECT TO THE GOOD NAMES OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES I WILL NOT HAVE
HIM AT THIS TABLE SUBJECTED TO THE STALINIST BULLYING OF
A GENERATION LONG GONE AND WELL RID OF.

NOTE: THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE STATED LATER IN COUNCIL
DEBATE THAT THE INTERPRETATION FROM THE RUSSIAN WAS INCORRECT--
THAT IS SHOULD HAVE BEEN "TAKE HEED" RATHER THAN "TAKE CARE".

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3. COMMENT: MALIK WAS APPARENTLY ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS,
SINCE HE READ HIS ATTACKS FROM PREPARED TEXT.
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